

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Craig S. LaMoy et al

Continuation of
Serial No: 09/504,396

Filed: November 29, 2001

For: Air Supply System Particularly Suited to
Remove Contaminants Created by
Chemical, Biological or Radiological
Conditions

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 9, lines 11-22, please amend the paragraph to read as follows:

The protected zone 12 further preferably includes an opening with an input and an output, wherein a pressure control valve (PCV) 40 is installed. The pressure control valve (PCV) 40 provides fluid communication between the input and output of the opening and is dimensioned, in a manner known in the art, so as to allow for fluid communication therebetween when the positive pressure within a protective zone is greater than about 1.5 inches wg. Preferably the protected zone 12 includes the use of one pressure control valves 40, which is used to relieve excess air from the